

The FCC is charged with ensuring that the public airwaves are used in a way that serves the public interest. I do not believe that standard is being upheld in the case of Sinclair Broadcasting's use of their control over media markets to bias public discourse during the current election.

Specifically, Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election shows that they are abusing their position as a dominant player in the Nations media markets.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Please convey to Sinclair media that this is not an acceptable use of public resources, and that they themselves are providing an

effective
demonstration of the
dangers of media
consolidation.